

Brief History of the Liverpool Hospital Trauma Department

1810

Governor Lachlan Macquarie established hospital in the town of Liverpool.

1820

Hospital transferred to a site at Bigge Park, Liverpool now the TAFE).

1958

Liverpool District Hospital built at Elizabeth Street.

1988

Formation of the Trauma and Injury Department at Liverpool Hospital.

Department of Health designated Liverpool Hospital as one of seven major Trauma Hospitals in Sydney.

Appointment of one of Australia's first Trauma Nurse Co-ordinator.

Liverpool Hospital adopted a protocol driven Trauma Team responding to serious injury. The team make-up remains unchanged to this day, combining the disciplines of Trauma, Surgery, Intensive Care, Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics, Nursing, Radiography and Social Work.

A hospital based computerised trauma registry of patients was established.

1990

Dr. David Sloane was appointed as foundation director of Trauma Unit.

The department expanded with the appointment of the first Trauma Fellow.

1992

Appointment of Professor Stephen Deane, one of the world's leading experts in Trauma Care, as Foundation Professor of Surgery at Liverpool Hospital.

1993

Appointment of first overseas Trauma Fellow.

1994

British Army send Trauma Fellow to train at Liverpool Hospital.

Research from the Trauma Unit achieved many world firsts:

Describing a new procedure halving the time to diagnose abdominal injury.

Reported the world's first prospective analysis of the Trauma Team Leader.

Evaluated the level of Trauma Care in the region using new scoring systems.

Australia's first comprehensive computerised Regional Trauma Registry established.

Appointment of a Regional Trauma Project Officer to co-ordinate the regional trauma registry and appointment of a Data Manager for report generation.

1995

Department awarded first prize at the 1995 2nd International Trauma Congress in Nijmegen, Holland, for a study of interhospital transfer of patients in South Western Sydney.

1996

Dr. David Sloane retires as Director; Dr. Michael Sugrue appointed as successor.

Formal teaching program for undergraduate students launched.

First Research Assistant appointed to Department kindly "on loan" from the Department of Surgery.

Launch of the Trauma Injury Research and Education Fund.

1998

Trauma Unit awarded the best paper at the Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Sydney for a paper by Dr. Alfred Hing on Pre-Hospital Management of Penetrating Trauma.

1999

Publication of the 3 Year Registry Report containing 160 pages of trauma statistics.

SWAN Trauma Meeting goes into its seventh year with 7 International keynote speakers.

2000

Introduction of Case Management.

Tragic death of Maria Seger, Trauma Nurse Co-ordinator

Passing of David Sloane after long illness.

2001

Focus on Better Practice Guidelines

Inaugural International Conference on the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome.

2002

Liverpool Hospital was the first to undergo a successful verification of its Trauma Service by the multi collegiate verification team led by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

2003

Appointment of Dr. Scott D'Amours as Trauma Surgeon and Lecturer in Surgery.

Conjoint project with the Institute of Trauma and Injury Management on the development of Better Practice Guidelines.